



Warner, Nellie Jean (McSpadden)

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Nellie Warner passed away May 27, 2023, in Decatur, surrounded by her loving family.

Family visitation will be 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, June 1, 2023, at Hawkins Funeral Home in Boyd. Service will be at Trinity Baptist Church 10 a.m. June 2, 2023, with interment to follow at Boyd Cemetery. Pallbearers will be David Warner, Jimmy Warner, Mark McClary, Dale Gilliam III, Thomas Keller and Denton Gilliam. Leon Coleman will serve as the honorary pallbearer.

Nellie was born to Stanley Maynard and Thelma Mae (Brown) McSpadden in Hubbard on Sept. 20, 1933. She graduated from Boyd High School after moving to Boyd in 1942. Nellie was first and foremost a loving, full-time mother to her children, Nolan and Debbie. She was a founding member of Trinity Baptist Church, known for feeding numerous preachers and song leaders after church services with her amazing home-cooked meals. Later, she served as church secretary for many years. Her next step in life was to become business partners with her kids as

the CEO of Warner Radio and Communications, Inc. While she preferred the backseat to the business, she was the backbone and the reason for the beginning of the growth and success of Warner Radio. She was the most giving and loving person you could ever want to know. Her fear of not leaving anything to her children was extremely unfounded. But growing up in the Depression era and struggling to make ends meet was not easy to overcome.

Nellie was most fortunate to have her son, Nolan, live with her, and then Debbie, Steve and grandson, Denton, after Nolan moved. Between Debbie and Denton, she was never alone and had Denton to help her every day from morning to night with meals, her medications and whatever else she could have wanted.

She had the kindest and most giving heart, which anyone that met her immediately saw. She will not only be missed by her family but by a huge host of friends.

Nellie was preceded in death by her mother and father; sisters, Doris Mosley and Norma Beeson; and brother, John McSpadden.

Those left behind to miss her every day are her sisters, Naomi Sipes of Boyd and Kay Payne and spouse, Jerry, of Boyd; her son, Nolan Warner and spouse, Mason Jones, of Lewisville; daughter, Debbie Males and spouse, Steve, of Decatur; grandchildren, Dawn Keller and spouse, Thomas, of Paradise, Dale Gilliam III and spouse, Lauren, of Weatherford, Denton Gilliam of Decatur and bonus granddaughter Kelsey Milligan and spouse, Kris, of Lindsay, Okla.; and the great-grandkids who became the jewels of her life, Cameron and London Keller, Atlas and Griffon Gilliam and Isla Gilliam-Gray, Kiersten and Kambry Milligan; and her extra special "second son," Les Farrington of Decatur.

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